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TAGS: PFOR IT VS VT

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT THIEU' S VISIT TO ROME AND VATICAN

REFERENCE: ROME 2384

1. RESPONSIBLE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS PROVIDED US WITH ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON PRESIDENT THIEU' S VISIT TO ROME AND VATICAN. ACCORDING SOURCE, PRESIDENT THIEU WILL ARRIVE ON MORNING OF APRIL 8 AND WILL BE RECEIVED AT AIRPORT PROBABLY BY FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY BEMPORAD; REMAINDER OF DAY WILL BE DEVOTED TO TOURISM. ON APRIL 9 AT 11 A. M., PRESIDENT THIEU WILL PAY COURTESY CALL ON ITALIAN PRESIDENT LEONE; MRS. THIEU WILL BE RECEIVED BY MRS. LEONE AT 10:30 A. M. PRESIDENT AND MRS. THIEU WILL HAVE AUDIENCE WITH POPE PAUL AT NOON SAME DAY AND DEPART FOR LONDON AT 4 P. M.

2. ITALIAN LEFTISTS ARE ALREADY CRANKING UP ANTI- THIEU DEMONSTRATIONS. FIRST, SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 5 REPORTEDLY TO BE MOUNTED BY " PROGRESSIVE CATHOLIC ELEMENTS" TO PROTEST THIEU' S AUDIENCE WITH POPE. SECOND DEMONSTRATION IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 7 TO PROTEST THIEU' S PRESENCE IN ITALY.

3. IN APRIL " OSSERVATORE ROMANO", VATICAN DISCLAIMED ANY TIES WITH OR APPROVAL FOR SO- CALLED CATHOLIC DEMONSTRATION AGAINST  
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THIEU VISIT, AND CALLED ON CLERGY NOT RPT NOT TO PARTICIPATE.  
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